

I shall be at Nogent early to-morrow; I can therefore cover Paris.

7th, Nogent:

(To Cambaceres.) I have your letter of the 6th. I see that instead of encouraging the Empress you are discouraging her. Why lose your head ? What is the meaning of these *Misereres* and forty hour services in the Chapel ? Are you getting insane in Paris ?

Subject to the news I get, I expect to march at daybreak with the 6000 cavalry of the Guard and the 10,000 foot of the Old Guard. But as I cannot risk a false move, I must wait for precise information.

8th. (To Marmont.) Cut the Montmirail road and send news as quickly as you can. I cannot believe the enemy are marching on the Epinay road.

(To King Joseph.) If, owing to circumstances I cannot foresee, I should move to the Loire, I would not leave the Empress and my son far from me, because whatever happened they would be seized and taken to Vienna. It would be all the more certain to happen if I were no longer alive.

I confess that your letter of the 7th at 11 P. M. hurt me, because I can distinguish no reason in your ideas, and because you follow the chatter and the opinions of a lot of unreflecting people. If Talleyrand is in any way connected with the idea of leaving the Empress in Paris if our troops evacuate the city, it means that some treachery is being hatched. I repeat it, be on your guard against that man. I have had dealings with him. during sixteen years. At one time I even held him in high